

Greetings to the FCC:

I am writing because I, like other members of the independent media community, am very concerned about the issues involved in proceeding 02-277, and other issues revolving around media monopolies and corporate interests being bought by the FCC.

Please support the community by opposing ANY attempts at the bending of 02-277 or any similar attempts to dismantle the regulations against media monopolies on the airwaves and on TV.

Corporate entities, such as Clear Channel Communications, already have too much power in our communities, and are completely disconnected from their localities.

Clear Channel, and others in the FCC pocket, have been dismantling community autonomy and any worthwhile programming on our radio stations.

Not only does clear Channel base its decisions off of its corporate investors, it also feeds them to us via bilboards (which they own) and their subsequent radio stations which pollute our local airwaves. (They own over HALF; nealry 15 stations, in my city alone)

Media monopolies are dangerous and are detrimental to democratic societies. These monopolies, such as Clear Channel, tend to tear away at democratic principles in media by broadcasting one-sided interests with room for little, if any, community feedback or interaction.

We are not corporate pawns. We are not commodities for sale to the highest bidder. Our interests are not aligned with the interests of Clear Channel and their corporate sponsors, such as Ford Motors Industry, Coca-Cola, and many other gigantic multi-national corporations whose interests are profit, and not people.

Please uphold the rules of 02-277, and do the community a favour by extending the notion of democracy by regulating corporate organisations such as Clear Channel and CNN, FOX, NBC, etc. These corporations are not accountable to the community, they are only accountable and concerned with the dollar bills in their pockets. Guess who put them there? A quick perusal, or a studios examination will shock you.

FCC: Serve the community; not corporations! Please remember us, the people, the independent media, arts, radio, etc. when you make your future decisions.

Instead of fighting little pirate radio stations and harmless public access television, perhaps you should begin to tear away at the facade of major corporate giants. Perhaps, you can bring your concern back into the community and out of the marketplace. We are not expendable. The corporations are.

Thank you for your time.